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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Part B for Jan. 20.

SUBJECT.

Constitution of a central Muzai Board.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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File No 330/15

FILE HEADING.

Constitution of Murgnai Boards
(Dasara Subject no 225 of 1915).

From

Mr A. Anniah Pandit, Representative member,

No.	Dated	Received
Diary No. 981	Enclos -	Spare Copies. - Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF ~~LETTER~~. Representation.

Prays that a Murgnai Board be constituted for each district on the lines of the Distt Board, the members being elected from each Taluk with the Huzdar as Vice-President and the Dy. Commr as President, and that the power of revising the scales of minor and major Temple Wards be vested in the Board, appeals against its decisions being allowed to Govt.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

1) R. Secretary's Remarks: —

2) " The usefulness or otherwise of such a Board depends mostly upon its Constitution and functions, and these have not been

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defined with sufficient precision. If the Boards have only to do with the revision of the scales, there will not be sufficient work or justification for their creation. If they are to exercise also a general control over the administration of the individual institutions, it will be a duplication of the work now being done by the Dharmadarsis with the added drawback that the Boards as such will not have always sufficient direct knowledge of the institutions. In a native State, it may not be expedient for Govt to divest itself of its direct responsibility for the proper conduct of the indigenous religious and charitable institutions and the present system ensures the co-operation of the non-official public in the administration of the individual institutions, leaving to Govt questions of general policy and of final control and direction. In the revision of the scales of income and expenditure, the various bodies of Dharmadarsis are usually being consulted and this may

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well be made into an invariable rule."

3 In his concluding speech, the Dewan was pleased to reply as follows with reference to this subject :—

4 " There seems to be no objection to the constitution of Muzrai Boards. This will be considered." (Vide no. 31 of Statement of Promises)

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5 Submitted for orders

W(95) 4-1-1916 ann 4.1.16

6 Call for the opinions of the Rs courts sending Rs their extracts with the subject, the opinion of the Muzrai Supt. and extract from the concluding speech of the Dewan

Rs 7.1.16

7 Submitted with a draft for approval

W(95) 7.1.1916. ann 7.1.16

8 Draft as corrected On further consideration it does not appear necessary to send extracts of the Mus. Supt's opinion and the Dewan's remarks

Rs 8.1.16

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2 Mys: 1607-14 Dy 10.1.16 Dy Comm Dy Dists, calls for their opinion, with regard to the above representation (Subject No 1225), brought up in the Dasara Meeting of 1915.

Enter in Mrs Then proceedings for necessary circulation reminders 12/1/16

3. 10 From, The Dy. Commr, Mysore Dist
Letter no. 369 Dy 18. 1. 16.
States that the Constitution of Muzrai Boards appears unnecessary, as there are Dharmadarsis for all castes whose advice whenever necessary is enough.
11 Submd. with a Spl. Remk to other Dy. Comm
MR 851 anm 2.2.16. 4/2/16

12 allowed 5/2

4 13 From, The Dy. Commr, Shimoga Dist
Letter no. 326 / Muz. 60 Dy 12-2-16.
States that for reasons given he is not in favor of the Constitution of Muzrai Board.

5. 14 From, The Dy-Commr, Chitaldrug Dist
Letter no. 402 Dy 16. 2. 1916.
States that he is not in favor of Muzrai Boards, that the better line of development will be to vest larger powers in Dharmadarsis and make them responsible for the proper administration of the

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institutions and that if it is considered desirable to constitute such Boards, the Distt Board may serve as the proposed muzrai Board and may be invested with powers in muzrai matters.

15 Submitted with a Dft. Reminder to Other Dy. Commrs for Dft

NWRW 17.6.1916. anm 17.6.16

16 Ald Rd 1916

6 17 From, the Dy Commr, Hassan Distt Letter no 450 Dy 7 6 16

Reports that the Dharmadarsis of the Temple are themselves a Board who know what is needed for the Temple, and that there is very little to be done by a muzrai Board

7. 18 From, the Dy Commr, Bangalore Dist Letter no 810 Dy 8.6.1916

Reports that the Dharmadarsis are appointed for the supervision of the Temple affairs and that in the matters of non secular institutions, the Constitution of Boards whether Advisory or Executive is not to

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to work harmoniously.

19 Submd with a DO Remr to Mem Dy. Comrs
NW (Std)
26.6.1916 Accepted
26/6/16

(8) From, the Dy. Commr, Kadur Dist.
24 Letter no 592 Dy 23.6.1916.
Reports for reasons given that the Constitution of a Muzrai Board is not necessary.
22 Replies are due from the Dy. Comms of Mysore and Kolar.

(9) From, the Dy Commr, Kolar Distt
23 Letter no 195 Dy 4.8.1916.
Reports that he is in favor of a Muzrai Board for the Distt with a Couple of non-official members from each Taluk and meeting once a quarter will be of use to the Distt Officers in drawing attention to and shaping portions of larger policy which may not be adequately cared for by local Dharmadarsis with merely local duties and interest.
24 Submd with a DO Remr to DC Bangalore.
NW (Std)
9.8.16 8.8.1916

DO R No 434 Dy 8.8.16 SMS

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From, Mr K. R. Srinivasiengar, Dy Commr, Bangalore Dist.

D.O. no 95 Dy 12.8.1916.

States that he does not believe in multiplicity of Boards, and that he agrees with the opinion expressed by Mr Chandy that the proposed Board is quite unnecessary and uncalled for

Submits for orders. Replies have been received from all the Dy. Commrs of Dists

M (SW) 14.8.1916

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27 A typed precis of the Deputy Commissioners' opinions is put up herewith. With the exception of the Dt Commissioner of Kolar (Mr Bowring) all the other Dt officers are either wholly against the formation of such a board or do not expect much good out of it.

28 When the subject was sent home for opinion, I also considered that such a board was superfluous and unnecessary. At the meeting of Representatives Mr Annaiah Pandit

Vide copy of my remarks put up Flag he.

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the nerves of the representation urged that the Board in question was intended not so much for the supervision and management of institutions as to ensure a continuity of policy and to advise on religious observances and practices, there being frequent changes among the local Mazrai officers who may besides belong to non-Hindu persuasions. On being consulted I considered that there was no serious objection to a Board of the kind on a limited and consultative basis and that it may be tried as an experimental measure in Select localities. The Subject was noted for consideration and the Dewan was pleased to say that the matter will receive attention in his reply to the D. R. A. members.

29 The same question in a slightly different shape is also before the Govt. for consideration and at the desire of the Dewan I have submitted a brief note on the question of the feasibility of associating the local self Govt. bodies in Mazrai

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administration. A copy of the note is put up herewith for ready reference

30) As was observed by the Dy Comm^r of Chittaldrug the line of development would appear to be to vest greater powers in the Dhamadars rather than to interpose another body between them and the Controlling officer which in any case is bound to delay the disposal of business. Further, sufficient experience has not been gained of the working of the new Sch^d of Dhamadari rules to decide whether it would be advisable to drop the proposal for the present.

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26.8.16

Hon'ble Member) 26.8.16

32) I think so too.

33) The matter may be considered again if the Sheet is brought up once more at the next R.A. meeting

3.9.16 Gun 4/9

34) Submitted to Govt

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5.9.16

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35) Please bring up after six months — the question need not be dropped but may wait.

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	36 Note that the file should be put up again six months hence. Sd. 16.3.16
	37 Submitted. M(94) 9.3.17 amm 10/3/17
	38) Await receipt of orders on Muzrai proposals. Also wait until the next Dasara Session and put up again. Sd. 20.3.17
	39) A printed order relating to the re-organization of the Muzrai Deptt are put up.
	40) This subject did not come up for discussion during this year's Dasara meeting. Submitted. M(94) 3-5-1917 amm 14/5/17
	41) The matter has come up again in another shape and in this year's Rep. Assembly a proposal was put forward for a Central Muzrai Board at Bangalore. The first member remarked that it was 'not necessary at present at any rate'.
	42) This file was directed to be kept up six months later.

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I am often reminded of it in that the matter may well lie over for the present. Suggestion may be made for consideration for the next forward move in Mesopotamia matters after the ground is cleared by putting through the present objectives. The latter may take nearly one year.

The Dewan Thorpe
Lt Member

Lee
15.5.17

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16.5.17

43) I agree
Lee
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44) I quite agree. The question may be brought on a list & raised in July 1918.

23.5.17 C.O

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and the Viceroy
M. the for note
Lee
25.5.17

46) Resolution No.
Mily 10/7.18.

47) Work on the scheme of reorganisation ~~work~~ labour now on hand is not yet complete and it will take until December next to give complete effect to the proposal. The object of the present proposal

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to decentralize Govt. Control and strengthen self-help and Co-operation in the Public is kept in view in making the Co-related proposals. If approved this matter may be allowed to lie over until after January next.

48) I am sorry there has been some delay in resubmitting the file for orders

Lee
13.9.18

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14-9-18.

Extra member of Council

49 Yes. under the circs the Extension of time asked for by the M. Govt. may be permitted. In fact I should allow this matter to lie over till the L S G scheme has been in operation for one year at least. & the Municipal Reorganisation has in hand was an accomplished fact & has been working for a year at least. I would like to have enough to consider this question & to dispose of it in the light of the experience gained

Pell
18.9.18

1602/1798 50 Agreed.

I have no objection. [redacted] only the matter should not be lost sight of.

Lee

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26.11.18

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51 The papers might be recorded for the present. The matter should however be noted and brought up for consideration every six months i.e. at the end of June next and Dec^r following.

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52 Submitted as directed.

13/6/19

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53 Papers brought up in Dec^r.

Sec^s B
Dec^r 19

54 Submitted for orders. The papers might be recorded for the present if approved. Sufficient ~~for~~ has not been gained as to the work that is being done by the Dharmadasis and their efficacy in the management of Dharmic Institutions. The question will however be kept in view & the papers will be subm^d 6 months hence.

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L Calls for his views on the Constitution of Muzrai Boards)

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Diary No. of letter replied to 981

No. 1607 11-

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

The Dy. Commrs

of Dist

Date of issue 10. 1. 1916.

Signed by Dpr Chidambaram Iyengar

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to ~~the abstract of~~ ~~ing~~ Subject no. 225 brought up during the Dasara meeting of 1915 about the Constitution of Muzrai Boards, ~~the Opinion~~ of the Muzrai Dept. thereon, and the remarks of the Dewan during his Conclusion Speech, and to request that

over.

Noted in the margin

Summary of representation

~~No 225 Constitution of Muzrai Boards~~

— It is prayed that a muzrai Board be constituted for each district on the lines of the Dist Board, the members being elected from each Taluk with the Amildar as Vice-President and the Dy. Commr as President. The power of revising the Rates of minor and major temples should be vested in the Board, appeals against its decisions being allowed to Govt.

SUBJECT

you will be so good as to
furnish your opinion in the matter
~~subject~~ at a very early
~~date. I forward for your perusal a letter from~~
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~~Yrs~~ Yrs Rec. Secretary
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the opinion of the Assoc. Supt
~~requested~~ on the subject
I am
~~and~~ to note that Mr
Annual Report. The
subject
names of the ~~Representative~~
~~Representatives~~ at the annual
represented that the Board
was to be an advisory one
to help the local officers so
as to ensure continuity of
policy and to see that
the religious practices in
List of enclosures.
temples are correctly ob-
served.

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From The Deputy Commissioner Mysore District.

To The Secretary to the C of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore. Revenue D

Dated 17th

Despatched 18th January 1916.

Received

General No. 369.

No.

Enclosure No.

Reporting on the Constitution of Inzrai Boards.

No. 369 / 18-1-16 Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

Dated Mysore, 17th January 1916

From.

A. Subramanya Iyer Esquire, B.A.
Deputy Commissioner

To

V.R Thyaga Raja Iyer Esquire, M.A.
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maha Raja of
Mysore
Revenue Department
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter no 1607-14 / Muzy. 330-15-2 dated 10-1-16 calling for my opinion regarding the Constitution of Muzarai Boards as represented by Mr Annaiah Pandit at the Dasara meeting of 1915, I have the honour to state that the constitution of Muzarai Boards —

are unnecessary, as there are Dharma

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Dharmadarsis for all institution whose advice whenever necessary is enough.

I have the honour to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant

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Assistant Commissioner
for Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District
(Absent from Head Quarters

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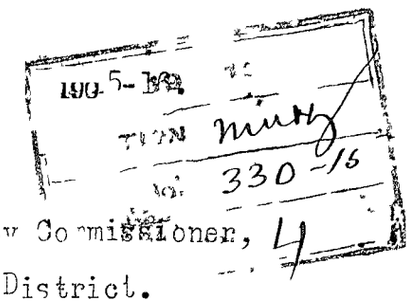

From

The Deputy Commissioner, Chimora District.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Revenue Department, Bangalore.

Dated 10th Feb. 1916.

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No. Muz 60.

Enclosure No.

Gives opinion on D.R.A subject No.225 about the constitution of muzrai boards.

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Office of the Deputy Commissione
Chimoga District
Dated Chimoga 10th February 1918.

From

Matthan, Esquire, B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Chimoga District.

To

W.R. Thyagaraja Iyer, Esquire, M.A.,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Revenue Department,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.1607-14 Muz.330-15-2 dated 10th January 1918 calling for my opinion on Dasara Representative Assembly subject No.225 about the constitution of muzrai boards I ha honor to state that the suggestion of the member is not at all clea wants a muzrai board for the whole district with the Deputy Commission as President and the Amildar as Vice-President. This means that there ma be 8 to 14 Vice-Presidents to the board which appears to be very anomalous. In my opinion a muzrai board for the whole district is not likely to be of much use, as the members will have very little pract knowledge of conditions outside their taluks.

2. I am strongly of opinion that religious institutions/ shoul as far as possible, be under the control of the people chiefly intereste in them and not in the hands of Government officers, but this is pr for by the system of Dharmadarsies which is an excellent system if perly and sympathetically worked. The existing rules under section the muzrai regulation admit of large devolution of powers and duties Dharmadarsies and this is likely to be more conducive to efficient administration of the institutions than placing them under a body

interest in any institution is likely to be only academical.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,

Chimoga District.

C.N.R.

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From C. S Balasundaram Iyer & Engr. 3rd
Deputy Commissioner
Chitaldrug District

To V. R Thyagaraja Iyer Esqr. M.A
Secretary to the Government of
H.H His Highness Maharaja of Mysore
Revenue Department
Bangalore

Dated 15th
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Received 17th January 1916

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Furnishing opinion about the constitution of Municipal Boards.

No

Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Chitaldrug District
Dated, Camp Nandichalli, 15th February 1916

From

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esquire B.A.
Deputy Commissioner
Chitaldrug District.

To

V. R. Thyagaraja Iyer Esquire, M.A.
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
Revenue Department
Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to your letter
No 1607-14 dated 10th January 1916
Mewz 330-15-2
calling for my opinion about
the constitution of Mazrai Boards,
I have the honor to state as

The representation is not clear

as to whether there should be only one Board for each District or one for each Taluk. If the former is meant the reference to the Amildars as Vice-Presidents is meaningless, as there will then be a very large number of Vice Presidents

2. As regards powers to be given to this Board the representation is equally vague. The revision of scales has only to be done occasionally and in doing that the Dharmadarsees are consulted and I do not think that the proposed Board will be in a position to offer more useful advice than the Dharmadarsees. It is stated that the Board is to be an advisory one to help local officers to ensure continuity of policy and to see that the religious practices in temples

are correctly observed. I do not quite understand what is exactly meant by the first question. Each institution has a certain history of its own and questions connected with it, have to be studied and dealt with in the light of previous records. I am not sure that the proposed Board will, without the assistance of past records, serve as any depositary of local knowledge and tradition, whose statements of facts will be accepted by contending parties as unquestionably correct.

3. As regards religious practices I do not know of a body of persons of different castes and following different spiritual leaders, will be able to decide delicate questions of ritual or the rendering of customary honours,

which occasionally crop up
and which ordinarily have
to be decided on evidence
adduced by opposing factions.

4. As is well known even
District and Municipal Boards
display no appreciable adminis-
-trative activity in their corporate
character and the non-official
members are not in a position
to render any very active
service on such bodies.
I fear the proposed Boards
would be equally ineffective
or more so. It seems to me
that the better line of development
would be to gradually
vest larger powers in the
Dharmadarsees, and make
them really responsible for
the proper administration
of the institutions in their
charge.

5. If, however, it is considered desirable to constitute such Boards it seems to me that the District Board which is representative of the various interests in the District, may itself serve as the proposed Mewzrai Board and may be invested with whatever powers in Mewzrai matters may be thought suitable

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most obedient Servant

C. Balasundaram Jr

Deputy Commissioner

Chitaldrug District

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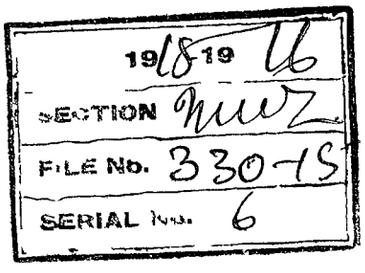

From

C.Venkata Rao Esq.B.A.,
Offg. Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

To

V.R.Thyagaraja Iyer Esq.,M.A.,
Secretary to the Government of
H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department,
Bangalore.

Dated 6 th June 1916.

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Enclosure No. Nil.

S U B J E C T.

Furnishing opinion on Dasara Represen--tative Assembly subject No.225 brought up during the Dasara meeting of 1915 about the constitution of Muzrai Boards.

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Deputy Commissioner's Office, Hassan District.

Dated Hassan, 6th. June 1916.

From,

C.Venkata Rao Esquire, B.A.,

Offg. Deputy Commissioner,

Hassan District.

To,

V.R.Thyâgaraja Iyer Esquire, M.A.,

Secretary to the Government of

H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore,

Revenue Department

Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.1607-14/Muz. 330--15-2 dated the 10th. January 1916, calling for my opinion on Dasara Representative Assembly subject No.225 of 1915 about the constitution of Muzrai Boards, I have the honor to state that the Dharmadarsis of the temple are themselves a board, who know what is needed for the temple, and the requirements of the Institutions depend upon circumstances in each case and no general conclusions can be drawn therefrom. The Amildar, as the local Muzrai Officer, guides the Dharmadarsis in their action and in difficult matters obtains the order of the Deputy Commissioner. There is, moreover, very little to be done by a Muzrai Board meeting at stated intervals. Opinion and advice of disinterested persons are always welcomed by Officers entrust--ed with the management of Muzrai Institutions.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Offg. Deputy Commissioner,

Hassan District.

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From
The Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore Dist

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Deptt
Bangalore

Dated 8/6/46
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Enclosure No.

Subject

Opinion Re the Constitution of Mysore Boards in the State

Office of the Deputy
Commissioner Bangalore
8th June 16

From

K. Chandy Esqr BA.
Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore Dist

To

V R. Thyagaraja Iyer Esqr M.A.
Secretary to Govt Empore, Bangalore
Revenue Department.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 1607-14
Mung 330-15-2 dated 10th January 1916, in-
-viting attention to subject No 225 of the
Dasara ~~Rep~~ Representative Assembly proce-
-dings of 1915, regarding the Constitution of
Muzrai Boards, and calling for my opinion
in the matter, I have the honor to state that
Dharmadersis are appointed for the Super-
-vision of the temple affairs and any
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-vants in attending to their duties regu-
-larly is being brought to the notice
of the local officers and necessary action
taken to rectify the irregularities =

Mr Anniah pandit
the mover of the subject states that ~~the~~

the Board is to be an Advisory one to help the local officers, so as to ensure Continuity of Policy and to see that the religious practices in temples are correctly observed = In the matter of non-secular institutions, the constitution of Boards whether Advisory or Executive is not likely to work harmoniously —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
D Mudaraja Iyengar
for Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore Dist
(absent from Station)

H.S.

DIARY No. 2133

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From The Deputy Commissioner Kadur District

To The Secretary to the Govt of Mysore, Rev Dept Bangalore.

Dated

Despatched 23.6.16

Received

General No. 592 —
No.

Enclosure No.

Submitting opinion about the Constitution of Mugrai Patel

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,

Kadur District.

Dated Chikmagalur, 21st June 1916.

From

K. Krishna Iyer, Esquire,

Deputy Commissioner,

Kadur District.

To

V.A. Thyagaraja Iyer, Esquire, M.A.,

Secretary to the Government of Mysore,

Revenue Department,

Bangalore.

Sir,

Adverting to your letter No.1607-14 date 10th January 1916, inviting reference to subject No. 825 of the Dasara Representative Assembly of 1915, about the constitution of Muzrai Boards and requesting my opinion in the matter, I have the honour to state that a Muzrai Board is required to be constituted on the lines of the District Board for each District. With regard to the District Board, it may be stated that it has a wide sphere of activity in matters connected with the well being andimprovements to be effected under various items, such as, Sanitation, Water-Supply, Conservancy, Education and Communications &c., all of which are so important as to demand the continued attention of the Local bodies.

2. The questions relating to the Muzrai Institutions purely of the nature of local usages, customs and religious observances which are different with regard to each institution

institution and it cannot be said that there is any community of interest which places several institutions on one standard basis- as a matter of fact, at present some questions such as, performance of daily worship and Jatra and other such services connected with Muzrai Institutions are left to be managed by the Dharmadarsis who are appointed by Government. Unless there is a community of purpose to be investigated and decided for all -- institutions alike there seems to be no object in having such a body.

3. If on the other hand, any questions of wide -- importance arise, which will only be occasional, they might well be discussed in the District Board and needful action taken thereon. If this course is not deemed proper, Committee of persons chosen by election or otherwise as laid down in section 17 of the Muzrai Regulation, can be appointed by Government in respect of any particular institution and I am therefore inclined to think that the constitution of a Muzrai Board is not necessary.

4. In order, however, to bring about a systematic -- supervision of the Institutions, I would submit for the consideration of the Government the necessity of appointing two officers, who may be of the status of Amildars each such officer being placed in charge of four districts. This arrangement would add to the efficiency of the management of the Muzrai Institutions

institutions to a great extent.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Ian McLean

for Deputy Commissioner,

Kadur District.

Deputy Commissioner's office,

Kolar District,

Dated Kolar, the 14th August 1916.

From

B. V E N K O B A RAO, Esquire., B.A.,

Senior Assistant Commissioner

in charge, Kolar District.

To

L. K R I S H N A RAO, Esquire.,

Offg. Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

Revenue Department, Muzrai Branch,

B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

Adverting to your letter No.1607-14/Muz.330-15-dated 10th January 1916, calling for opinion on subject No.225 brought up during the Dasara meeting of 1915, about the constitution of Muzrai Boards, I have the honor to state as follows :-

2. The replies received from Amildars and Sub Division Officers show that there is some opinion in favour of a Muzrai Board. While I do not think that Taluk Muzrai Boards are required, I think that a Muzrai Board for the District with a couple of non-official members from each taluk and meeting once a quarter will be of use to the District officers in drawing attention to and shaping questions of larger policy, which may not be adequately cared for by local dharmadarsis with merely local -- duties and interest.

3. The Muzrai funds, however, are trust funds and can ~~be~~ hardly be spent away in travelling allowances for members of the Muzrai Board. The members will therefore have to attend meetings at their own expense and the attendance for a year or two will show how far Muzrai Boards are -- appreciated by the public.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

B. Venkoba

Senior

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From

The Deputy Commissioner,
Civil District.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of Mysore, Rev. Department,
Cubbon Road, Bangalore.

Dated September 1916.

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To

~~Sir~~, My dear Mr Srinivasaiya.

I beg to remind you ~~about~~ With regard to ~~my~~ Subject

Date of issue 8.8.16.

Signed by

no. 225 brought up by Mr. Ambale Anniah Pandit ~~during~~ at the last year's Dasara meeting ~~on~~ the constitution of Municipal Boards; ~~I am directed to state~~ ~~that~~ The opinions of ~~the Dy.~~ all the New Dys Commrs. of Dists on the representation, and that from all of them with the exception of Munster. to the

in the matter of the request for opinion regarding.

have been received in ~~connection~~ regarding that of Mr K. Chandy as the Dy Commr of Bangalore.

Your opinion is the only ~~one~~ wanting to ~~complete~~ complete the enquiry. ~~I shall be obliged~~ ~~if you will kindly favour me~~ I shall therefore feel obliged if you will kindly favour me with your opinion in the matter at an early date.

over.

SUBJECT.

One of the subjects about which the Dewan made a promise to the Dasara members, I am to request that you will be so good as to furnish your own views in the matter to enable Govt to pass final orders on the representation.

I have etc

Asst Secy.

To,

K. R. Srinivasaiengar Esq. M.A.
Dy. Commissioner,
Bangalore Dist.

2. As the matter is one in which the Govt will have to arrive at a speedy decision early, an answer reg. having been given to the D.R.A members I request that you will kindly treat the matter as urgent.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Commissioner's Office,

10 Bangalore, 12th August 1916.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your D.O.letter No.434/Muz dated the 8th August 1916, calling for my opinion in the matter of the constitution of Muzrai Boards(subject No.225 of Representative Assembly Proceedings of 1915), I beg to state that I do not believe in multi-plicity of Boards, and that I agree with the opinion expressed by Mr.Chandy, that the proposed Board is quite unnecessary and uncalled for.

Yours Sincerely,

T.S.Narasimhan

To

G.Aravamuda Iyengar,Esq.,B.A.,L.L.,
Ex-officio Under Secretary to Govt.
Muzrai Department,
Bangalore.

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Close association of local self-governing bodies in the supervision and management of rural institutions.

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The question of 'entrusting Municipal Councils and Local Boards with the management of Rural Institutions within their jurisdiction' was considered by the Local Self-Government Committee who adopted the following resolution.

> "Rural Institutions may be placed under the administrative control of local bodies subject to the necessary safeguards and to general control of Government and provided that no portion of the general funds of local bodies shall be applied to institutions of a denominational character."

The most serious objection to such a proposal appeared to me to be the constitution of these local bodies themselves which is framed on a popular basis irrespective of creed or caste which is the most important element in the management of rural institutions. The introduction of such a function may bring in an element of discord in an otherwise harmonious body working for the common good of the people.

Similar considerations appear to have prevailed at the meeting of Deputy Commissioners and Heads of Departments which was convened at Mysore on 7th October 1914 to consider the recommendati of the Committee and a resolution was adopted at the meeting 'that though there is lac

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Though it may not be expedient to allow local councils such to exercise control over [illegible] institutions, a middle course might be brought about which would [illegible] the institutions [illegible] the benefit of the local experience and public spirit of select members of these [illegible] may be constituted into consultative [illegible] to advise the local [illegible] officer on matters concerning the administration of [illegible] institutions in his charge. These committees would not replace the bodies of [illegible] who would be in immediate charge of the institutions [illegible] but would in principal [illegible] residents of the neighbourhood and frequent visit to the [illegible] would be essential conditions. To give [illegible] additional active control over the [illegible] would be [illegible] existing statutory bodies [illegible] and the local [illegible] officials would have to be in addition the principal, responsible for the efficient administration of these institutions.

[illegible] the constitution of an independent advisory committee to assist the local officers with [illegible] continuity of policy and to advise on [illegible] observances and practices in temples [illegible] discussion before the Tamil [illegible] Assembly during the last year,

session, vide subject No.225 and the Government noted the subject for consideration. The opinions of the Deputy Commissioners have since been invited on the proposal and the matter is under work in the Secretariat.

Even with such limitations there is considerable scope for good work, as they can bring to the notice of the Muzrai Officers all short comings in the management of institutions within their knowledge and with this object the members may be given the necessary conveniences to visit the institutions in their areas and acquaint themselves with their working. They may also be consulted by the Muzrai Officers on all general questions relating to the principles and policy upon which the institutions may be administered. Their opinions may also be taken and considered when scales of expenditure are to be fixed or revised, when endowments from private persons for particular services are to be accepted, when extensive repairs of temple buildings are to be undertaken, when temple lands are to be leased out for cultivation afresh and generally in all questions relating to the improvement in the resources and usefulness of these institutions and the proper conduct of services therein.

The committees to be really useful should be compact and the members should be chosen for the interest evinced by them in the well-being of the Muzrai institutions. The constitution may be somewhat as follows:--

Each Amildar may be given the benefit of a committee of two or three persons chosen from the members of the Taluk Boards, the choice

being as representative as possible so as to include all the main sectarian divisions such as Saivite, Vaishnavite and Lingayet. In places where there is a large number of Mussalman and Jain places of worship, one member of these classes may also be added but he will confine his attention to the Kusrai Institutions of his particular tenant. Where the Taluk Boards do not contain a member of any particular class whose representation on the committee is considered desirable, a member may be chosen outside the Taluk Boards.

Similarly two members of the District Board may be chosen in each Revenue Sub-Division to help the Sub-Division Officer, as regards questions coming up to him for decision. In this case adherence to selection by sects need not be quite so rigid. In the case of Taluks under the direct charge of the Deputy Commissioners one or two members may be chosen to deal with matters arising within those Taluks.

These members who will all be members of the District Board will sit as a Committee when they assemble for meetings of the District Board to consider any questions of general interest. If need be one or two members may be added to this committee to represent communities not already included and it may also include an Engineering Officer and a Sanitary Officer and be

presided over by the Deputy Commissioner as the District Muzrai Officer. The deliberations of the Committee will however be independent of the Board and their conclusions will be communicated to the District Muzrai Officer who will give such effect to them as he may consider reasonable.

Copies of these resolutions may also be sent with the Deputy Commissioner's remarks to the Government and the Muzrai Superintendent for such action as may be necessary. In municipal areas the constitution need not be quite so complex and the arrangement proposed for the Taluks may mutatis mutandis be considered sufficient.

The above is a brief sketch of a scheme which appears to eliminate all the objectionable features of the proposal to directly associate the local bodies in the administration of Muzrai Institutions. The scheme may be further elaborated if after consultation of the Deputy Commissioners and if need be the District Boards and Municipal Councils, it is considered feasible and advantageous.

Remarks of the Muzrai Superintendent on the

" CONSTITUTION OF MUZRAI BOARDS."

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" The usefulness or otherwise of such a Board depends mostly upon its constitution and functions and these have not been defined with sufficient precision. If the Boards have only to do with the revision of the scales, there will not be sufficient work or justification for their creation. If they are to exercise also a general control over the administration of the individual institutions, it will be a duplication of the work now being done by the Dharmadarsis with the added drawback that the Boards as such will not have always sufficient direct knowledge of the institutions. In a Native State it may not be expedient for Government to divest itself of its direct responsibility for the proper conduct of the indigenous religious and charitable institutions and the present system ensures the co-operation of the non-official public in the administration of the individual institutions, leaving to Government questions of general policy and of final control and direction. In the revision of the scales of income and expenditure the various bodies of Dharmadarsis are usually being consulted and this may well be made into an invariable rule."

Opinions of the Deputy Commissioners of Districts with regard to the proposal of the Dasara Representative Member Mr.A. Anniah Pandit, for the constitution of Muzrai Boards.

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1. Letter No.369 dated 17th January 1916 from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore Dist.

The constitution of separate Muzrai Boards is unnecessary, as there are Dharmadarsis for all institutions whose advice will be sufficient.

2. Letter No.326/Muz.60 dated 10th February 1916 from the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District.

A Muzrai Board for the whole District is not likely to be of much use, as the members will have very little practical knowledge of conditions outside their Taluks and that the system of Dharmadarsis whose powers and duties can be enhanced under Section 15 of the Muzrai Regulation is likely to be more conducive to efficient administration of the institutions than placing them under a body whose interest in any institution is likely to be only academical.

3. Letter No.402 dated 16th February 1916 from the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug District.

The proposed Muzrai Boards will be ineffective in their corporate character in matters of administration. The better line of development will be to vest larger powers in Dharmadarsis. If it is consid ed desirable to constitute such Boards District Board which is representative o

the various interests in the District may itself be invested with powers in Muzrai matters.

4. Letter No.450 dated 6th June 1916 from the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District.

The Dharmadarsis of the temple are themselves a Board, who know what is needed for the temple and the Amildar as the local Muzrai Officer, guides the Dharmadarsis in their action and in difficult matters obtains the order of the Deputy Commissioner. There is thus very little to be done by a Muzrai Board.

5. Letter No.810 dated 8th June 1916 from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

The Dharmadarsis who are appointed for the supervision of the temple affairs bring to the notice of the local officers any remissness on the part of the temple servants in attending to their duties, and necessary action is being taken to rectify the irregularities. In the case of non-secular institutions, the constitution of Boards whether advisory or executive is not likely to work harmoniously.

6. Letter No.592 dated 23rd June 1916 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur Dist.

The questions relating to Muzrai institutions are of the nature of local usages, customs and religious observances which are different with regard to each institution and consequently as there is no community of interest which places several institutions on one standard basis, there is no object in having a Muzrai Board on the lines of the District Board which has certain fixed duties allotted to

it. A suggestion is made for the consideration of Government that two officers of the status of Amildars may be appointed to help in the systematic inspection of Muzrai Institutions.

Letter No.195 dated 4th August 1916 from the Deputy Commissioner Kolar District.

Taluk Muzrai Boards are not required and ~~that~~ a Muzrai Board for the District with a couple of non-official members from each Taluk and meeting once a quarter will be of use to the District officers in drawing attention to and shaping questions of larger policy which may not be adequately cared for by local Dharmadarsis with merely local duties and interest. As the Muzrai funds are trust funds, the members will have to attend meetings at their own expense.

D.O.No.95 dated 12th August 1916, from Mr. K. R. Srinivasa Iyengar, Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

Agrees with the opinion expressed by Mr. Chandy, that the proposed Board is quite unnecessary and uncalled for, and that he does not believe in multiplicity of Boards.